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## Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility

# **P & R Railcar Service (Formerly: GE Railcar Services Corp.)**

Triumph Industrial Park  
505 Blue Ball Road (Rte. 545)  
Elkton, MD 21922  
Congressional District 1  
EPA ID #: MDD078288354  
Last Updated 6/02/2003

## **Current Progress at the Site**

On October 1999, EPA conducted an Environmental Indicator (EI) inspection at this facility to determine whether or not human exposures and groundwater releases are under control. EPA determined that more information is necessary. GE submitted a Site Investigation Workplan to EPA, which was approved in August 2001. Site investigations were completed in the fall of 2002, and included surface soil sampling at three areas that managed hazardous wastes, surface water sampling, installation of groundwater monitoring wells and groundwater sampling. EPA received the final report in August 2002 and approved it in May 2003. GE submitted plans for further work, which includes a pilot study to remediate on-site contaminated ground water, an investigation to delineate off-site ground water contamination, and further on-site soil investigations. EPA approved these workplans, and field work is underway and should be completed by 2004.

GE agreed to perform the investigations pursuant to the Region's Facility Lead Corrective Action Agreement, which was signed in October 9, 2001. The Environmental Indicator Forms discuss that current human exposure to site contaminants is under control, and that further data is needed to determine whether migration of contaminated ground water is under control.

## **Site Description**

The GE facility is located in Cecil County, at 505 Blue Road in Triumph Industrial Park in Elkton, Maryland. The facility is approximately 28 acres of mostly vacant land. The facility functioned as a rail car cleaning and repair facility that was known to work extensively on tanker type rail cars. The facility handled all types of mechanical repairs and maintenance of freight cars. The repair and maintenance included: steel fabrication, welding, cutting, and brazing. The facility also steam cleaned, sandblasted, and painted the interior and the exterior of rail cars. GE closed the facility in 1988. GE has performed, under the Maryland Department of Environment direction, various investigations and closure activities.

Prior to GE, several other companies owned and/or managed the property, including a fireworks manufacturing facility, U.S. Navy, and various chemical facilities.

## **Site Responsibility**

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RCRA Corrective Action activities at this facility are being conducted under the direction of EPA Region 3 with assistance from the State.

## **Contaminants**

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Benzene, chlorobenzene, chloromethane and chlorinated solvents have been detected in ground water.

## **Government Contacts**

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